

***Guidance for Submitting Comments on the Draft 2004 305(b) and 303(d)
Surface Water Quality Report for New Hampshire***

Introduction:

In accordance with Sections 305(b) and 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) has prepared an assessment of surface water quality in New Hampshire. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for submitting comments on this assessment, including the assessment methodology.

Documents for Public Review and Comment:

- The results of the draft 2004 305(b) and 303(d) Surface Water Quality Report and the methodology used to assess waters in 2004 are available for review and comment on the DES website at www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/swqa.
- The main report consists of the following three volumes:
 - Volume 1 - Assessment Methodology and Summaries by Waterbody Type
 - Volume 2 – Individual Surface Water Assessments
 - Volume 3 – Section 303(d) List.

Comment Requirements:

DES encourages submission of all comments. However to be considered for changes to the 2004 final assessment, the data or information must:

- Clearly identify the surface water(s) and geographic extent of concern
- Explicitly describe evidence for support or impairment of designated use(s)
- Include documentation of quality assurance methods used in the collection, analysis and reporting of data

How to Submit Comments:

Comments and submissions during the public comment period must be in written form to provide an accurate record of your concerns. Comments will not be accepted by phone. Written comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to the appropriate address shown below.

By mail: 2004 305(b)/303(d) Comments
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Watershed Management Bureau
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Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095
Attention: Gregg Comstock, P.E.

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